

MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

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DEAR MEMBER:

←The fourth general meeting of the Minnesota Transportation Museum will be held on Sunday, October 4, 1964, (next Sunday) at 7:30 PM in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Minnesota Historical Society Building, 690 Cedar Street, on the fringe of the Capitol plaza, in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The main topic of discussion will pertain to the recent acquisition of the Minnehaha depot by the Historical Society and of the Minnesota Transportation Museum's part in restoration, maintenance and operation of the site. Following abandonment October 1, 1963, the Milwaukee Road graciously donated this fine depot (possibly oldest in the state) and has leased to the Historical Society for our account approximately 1100 feet of land adjacent to its right-of-way for display purposes although the railroad still uses the spur for freight operations. We will be calling on the membership to volunteer its labors to help make this project a success. This will be one opportunity where automation cannot be advanced as an excuse!

Restoration of the Minnehaha depot will be a sizeable undertaking by the membership. It cannot be done with the amount of money we now have. Each and every member must make an effort to pay part or all of his membership dues in order to make this project a success. Please call or write to Mrs. Sandberg as shown above or 'phone her at 698-9579 for information regarding past dues. We hope to enjoy everyone on a current status after this meeting.

For those who missed our last meeting, Mr. Ed M. Stevenson, Assistant Vice President-Traffic, and assisted by Mr. Russell Bathun, of the Northern Pacific Railway spoke on the history of the Northern Pacific from prior to its formation to the present. Mr. Stevenson gave a most interesting and worthwhile talk augmented with historical books, maps, postcards and folders printed as the N.P. was growing up. It was indeed a shame more members were not in attendance.

A report will be given concerning the most recent acquisition of our fine organization---that of a Des Moines(Iowa) Trolley Bus. As many of you know, Jim Bertrand and his Shop Committee have been trying to move it up to the Twin Cities under its own power, using the portable power generating unit mounted on a trailer towed behind the bus.

Lots of good news to relay and lots of money to be collected so don't forget the meeting October 4th. See you there!

Happily Yours,

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